

2021-22 LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITION RULEBOOK

RULE 10: PLAYER REGISTRATION & TEAM SHEETS

- 10.1 In all Premier leagues and for cup competitions, all players must be registered with AoC Sport before they are eligible to play in any match. Details of all players to be used (i.e. full names, gender and DOB) should be completed online using Naqoda or FA Whole Game. For players entering football competitions – see sport specific rules for further information.
- 10.2 For all other leagues, all players must be registered within 28 days of the start of the season.
- 10.3 Any Premier League team that has not registered a minimum of 16 players by the start of the season will receive a 1-point deduction.
- 10.4 Any team competing in Championships or regional league that has not registered players within 28 days of the start of the season will receive a 1-point deduction, with further 1-point deduction made from teams who have not registered players 60 days after the start of the season.
- 10.5 The minimum number of players to be registered for each team is as follows: -
- Badminton: 8
 - Basketball: 10
 - Football, hockey: 16
 - Football (flexible format), pan-disability football: 10
 - Netball: 10
 - Volleyball: 10
- 10.6 No appeal will be accepted from any team that has not registered their players.
- 10.7 In the interests of increasing participation and preventing late cancellations, players can be internally transferred from Premier to Championships/regional or Championships to regional at late notice providing: -

- They comply with rule 2.
 - They are included and identified on the team sheet.
 - The opposition coach is notified.
 - They are registered on the appropriate system within 48 hours of the match.
 - The Competitions Administration Officer is informed of the internal transfer within 24 hours of the match
- 10.8 Institutions may only seek permission to internally transfer three players in any calendar month.
- 10.9 Where an institution has two teams in the same division, the players can only play for one team. Written permission must be obtained from the Competition Administration Officer for the player(s) to compete for the other team.
- 10.10 Any institution found to have played an ineligible player in a league match or league matches shall have any points gained from that match or matches deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points.
- 10.11 Where an institution has more than one team, selection must be made as if all teams are playing on a given day. For example, if the first team does not have a match but the second team do, no players who would normally represent the first team are eligible to play for the second team.
- 10.12 Where colleges have more than one team in the same cup competition a player is 'cup tied' once they have played for one team. They cannot then play for the other team in the same competition. A team that is found to have played a cup tied player will forfeit the match.
- 10.13 Any club found to have played an ineligible player in a cup match will forfeit that match and their opponent will, where possible, progress to the next round of the competition.
- 10.14 Any report of a team playing an ineligible student must be submitted to the Competition Administration Officer within 24 hours of the match.
- 10.15 Any institution submitting false information or playing an ineligible player(s) may be withdrawn from that competition, subject to the

submission of a written explanation of their action. They may also risk the imposition of additional sanctions, fines or other penalties.

10.16 A team/squad sheet must be exchanged at least 30 minutes before the start of the match in the presence of the referee showing the name of each player. Copies of the team/squad sheets are available in the resources section of the AoC Sport website and can be downloaded, pre-filled from Naqoda.

10.17 It is acceptable for electronic copies of team sheets to be produced on laptops, tablets or smart phones and shown to an opponent. Such team sheets must be sent to the Competition Administration Officer in the event of any query over player eligibility.

NB. AoC Sport have produced legal advice that confirms that the exchange of team sheets complies with GDPR regulations. Full details are available in the resources section of the AoC Sport website.

10.18 Teams can request to spot-check the identity of up to 3 opposing players (either using institution ID badges, remote access to ILR or any other form of identification).

10.19 Where there is concern as to the eligibility of any player, a playing under protest form should be completed before the match commences.

10.20 **Premier Leagues:** Both teams must send their fully completed team sheet to the Competition Administration Officer within two days of the completion of each fixture. Where a game is played on a Wednesday, the team sheet should be received by 4:00pm on the Friday.

10.21 **Premier League** teams that fail to submit a team sheet within the allotted timescale will on the first occasion be warned and will receive a 1-point deduction on the second and each subsequent occurrence.

10.22 Other leagues: team sheets provided by your opponents must be destroyed or returned to the opponent at the end of the match unless they are needed for any subsequent appeal.

10.23 The Competition Administration Officer must be informed by email on every occasion where an opponent does not exchange a team sheet,

stating the date of the match, the competition and the name of the teams involved in the match. Penalties will be imposed as follows: -

- 10.23.1 on the first occasion the offending team will be issued with a warning
 - 10.23.2 the second breach of this rule will result in a 1-point deduction
 - 10.23.3 all further breaches of the rule will result in a 3-point deduction
- 10.24 Failure to attach the opponent's team sheet will result in the appeal being rejected.
- 10.25 AoC Sport staff have the right to attend any fixture and request to see a player's student ID with or without prior notice. Failure to provide the relevant information upon request will result in further action being taken.
- 10.26 Any team that is unable to provide team/squad sheets from any match under appeal will therefore be unable to defend the appeal made against them.

NB: We are dependent on coaches displaying sound educational ethos and values to ensure that rule 10.7 to 10.12 are upheld. In particular, the practice of playing a senior team in a lower competition is one that AoC Sport discourages as not being in the true spirit of sport.